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Old Fort De Russy May Be Partially Restored

WASHINGTON.—Restoration of Fort De Russy in Rock Creek park sufficient to preserve the outlines of the parapet, ditch, bastions and other features as it stood during the Civil war may be an outcome of the G. A. R. encampment here. Lieut. George Carr Routh of Manassas, Va., who was designated to arrange for the reopening of the war-time signal stations during the encampment, wrote to the board of control of Rock Creek park requesting permission to open a station at Fort De Russy. Certain improvements were necessary before this site could be utilized and Lieutenant Routh proposed that they be made with a view to permanently preserving the fort. In addition to other things, Lieutenant Routh proposed that the present roadway up the fort hill be extended to encircle the entire fort outside the ditch and that sufficient brush be cleared away to show the landscape to passing visitors in carriages and automobiles. He suggested that an old-time "crow's nest" or signal station be built in one of the tallest trees near the fort and be preserved as a feature of the jubilee encampment of the G. A. R.

Lieutenant Routh had signal stations in operation during the encampment at Soldiers' Home, Fort Stevens, Georgetown Heights, Fort Richardson and Fairfax Seminary south of the Potomac.

Concerning the appropriateness of permanently preserving Fort De Russy, he stated: "I respectfully submit that Fort De Russy is one of the most interesting objects in the park and could easily be made a particularly picturesque feature. It must be about the highest point in the park. It was the most prominent fort in the line of fortifications which confronted General Early's Confederate army which attacked Washington in 1864, much stronger in natural position and range than Fort Reno on its left and Fort Stevens on its right. But for Fort De Russy, Early's veterans in gray would no doubt have entered Washington by the Rock Creek valley."

Uncle Sam Promotes the Out-of-Door Movement

A REALIZATION that the members of his big family should be encouraged to live more in the open air seems to have come suddenly to Uncle Sam, for he has done more, perhaps, in the past twelve months to stimulate and encourage the out-of-doors movement than in any other equal period of time. First came the bid for a greater recreational use of the national forests, and now the general land office has completed a sale, without precedent, of sites especially for villas on the banks of the beautiful Flathead lake in Montana.

To attract larger numbers of vacationists to the vast forests owned by the government, the forest service secured legislation that permits the leasing of sites for summer homes for as many as 30 years for merely nominal rentals. This arrangement, which went into effect last spring, makes worth while the erection of substantial improvements, and has already greatly increased the number of persons sojourning in the forests in the summer season. In many of the forests applications to lease five-acre tracts are pouring in, and dwellings from simple log cabins to pretentious homes are springing up in mountain glens and by river banks and lake shore.

In order to determine just what the forests present in the way of attractive sites for summer homes and facilities for boating, bathing, fishing, mountain climbing and other outing activities, the forest service is now making a recreational survey of the domains over which it has control and will list and publish the data as rapidly as possible. Now, it is realized, most of the applicants for cottage sites are persons who happen to be familiar with the forests. When the data now being collected are available, however, city-bound souls who long for the woods but have neither the means nor the time to make long searches for satisfactory sites will be able to choose just about what they wish without stirring from their doors.

Feast on Ham Cooked in Ink to Settle Dispute

FOR four years two prominent Washington men have quarreled over the question whether a ham cooked in ink is better than one cooked in champagne. The champion of the ink-cooked ham is Frank Conger, former postmaster here. The champagne side of the gastronomic argument was taken by "Tony" Richardson, a local real estate man.

The other day an experiment took place at "Shoemakers," retreat of statesmen, artists, publicists, and literary lights. Prof. "Gus" Noack, analytical chemist, was called in as expert. Eight quarts of each liquid were used. Mr. Noack arranged the gas stove and made sure that the ink had not substituted grape juice.

"Of course," said Mr. Conger, "I do not maintain that the ink adds to the delectable flavor of the ham. But neither does the champagne. I would not advise epicures to drink the ink in which the ham is cooked. But I will eat the ham cooked in the ink to prove that no part of the ink substance is absorbed by the ham in cooking, and that the man who has been jolly himself with the idea that he obtains a champagne flavor from ham cooked in champagne is merely working his imagination overtime and ought to be a war correspondent and not a chef or bon vivant."

At five o'clock the hams were cut and about seventy-five persons present partook of the meat, nobody knowing which he ate. The advocate of the champagne-cooked ham was asked to pass judgment. He insisted he could taste a bare flavor of champagne, but admitted that he had not tasted ink. So he decided for himself, and Professor Noack handed Mr. Conger a bill for eight quarts of champagne under the terms of the wager.

Newton, in Spotless Attire, Runs Steam Shovel

THE modern way of "breaking ground" for the construction of a government building was shown at Eighteenth and F streets when Byron R. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury, officiated at the beginning of the excavation for the new home of the interior department.

The assistant secretary didn't pick up a shovel and turn a bit of earth in the old-fashioned way. Instead Mr. Newton, who was clad in a Palm Beach suit and a spotless pair of canvas shoes, climbed aboard the high platform of a huge and greasy steam shovel and pulled a wire which dropped several hundred pounds of dirt into a waiting wagon.

He was photographed in the midst of this hazardous task and when he clambered down it was ascertained he had moved about the greasy interior of the big steam shovel without getting so much as a speck on his suit or shoes.

The building, when complete, will cost approximately \$3,000,000, which is more than a half-million under the limit set by congress. It will house all branches of the interior department and will be a magnificent eight-story structure.



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DIDN'T "RAISE" THE CHICKENS

But Evidently Dealer Hadn't Quite Comprehended Question Asked by His Customer.

Here is a little story that was told by Congressman William C. Adamson of Georgia when the conversation turned to natural misunderstanding: A young housewife who lives in a suburban town went to the village store to make some purchases.

"These chickens look very nice," remarked the customer, pausing before the poultry counter. "How much are they?"

"One dollar apiece, madam," was the prompt response of the obliging proprietor. "You can't find better poultry for the money in the whole country."

"One dollar," thoughtfully mused the customer, and then added: "Did you raise them?"

"Oh, no, madam!" was the hasty assurance of the misunderstanding storekeeper. "That is the same price I offered to sell them for yesterday."

Hardly Complimentary. A New England housewife one afternoon received a call from a hobo to whom that morning she had given some doughnuts.

The knight of the road doffed his ragged headpiece and with great civility addressed her thus:

"Madam, this morning you gave me three doughnuts. Would it be asking too much to request a fourth?"

"I'll be glad to give you another," said the woman, as she prepared to wrap one in a newspaper. "So you like my doughnuts, do you?"

"It isn't that, madam," explained the hobo. "You see, some friends of mine down in the meadow wish to have a game of quoits."

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His Choice. They were gathering apples together—the little blonde and the big athlete. "Are you fond of golden sweets?" she asked, in a summer vacation way. "Oh, yes, in the summer time," he replied, but he quickly added: "My strong preference is for fall pippins."

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Tank Beverly says that if fish could vote the angleworm would be elected.

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COULD RECOGNIZE NUISANCE

Judge's Retort Set Courtroom Laughing and Gave Lawyer Something to Think About.

City Magistrate Krotel, who is noted for a characteristic brand of dry humor, occasionally manifested in utterances from the bench, turned a cruel shaft loose upon a pestiferous young attorney this week, to the supreme enjoyment of a crowded courtroom, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. The young attorney was prosecuting in a case where the maintaining of a nuisance was alleged. The rulings of Magistrate Krotel did not please him. His numerous objections became persistently controversial. "If your honor please," he said, "I would not presume to instruct the honorable court in a question of law, but I am impelled to observe that I doubt—in the present case only, of course—if the court properly conceives of what constitutes a nuisance."

"You are mistaken sir," was the response from the bench. "This court has never had a more clear or exemplary idea of what constitutes a nuisance than in the present case at the present time. And for that, in a measurable way, the court thanks you, sir."

No Cause for Alarm. A young preacher who was staying at a clergy house was in the habit of retiring to his room for an hour or more each day to practice pulpit oratory. At such times he filled the house with sounds of fervor and pathos and emptied it of almost everything else.

A well-known bishop happened to be visiting a friend in the house one day when the budding orator was holding forth. "Gracious me!" exclaimed the bishop, starting up in assumed terror. "pray, what might that be?" "Sit down, bishop," his friend replied. "That's only your D— practicing what he preaches."

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